

## IRENE BAUSTIAN

Elsie Irene Baustian, 86, of Guernsey, died March 23. Services were March 27 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Memorial contributions may be made to the Marengo Memorial Hospital.

Elsie Irene Baustian was born Jan. 23, 1924 in Wray, Colo, the daughter of Morris and Naomi Barber Sterrett. She was a 1941 graduate of Deep River High School.

On March 20, 1946 she was united in marriage to Wayne Rolland Baustian. To this union three children were born: Steve, Patricia and David. Over the years Irene worked at Johnson Grocery and Cox Dry Goods in Deep River, McClellan's in Cedar Rapids, Star Inn and Dickey's Prairie Home.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, golfing and dancing. She was a member of the Guernsey United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxilliary.

At age 65, Irene sustained multiple bee stings which left her in a persistent vegetative state until March 23, 2010, when she passed away at Marengo Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter, Patty (Roger) Griffith of Malcom, a son David Baustian of Guernsey, a brother May Sterrett of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Helen Haines of Roseburg, Ore.; two grandchildren, Amy (Chad) Larson of Brooklyn, and J. D. (Erica) Griffith of Malcom, and two great grandchildren, Dylan and Jackson Eichhorn.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; husband Wayne; son Steve; two brothers, Marvin and Donald Sterrett, and three sisters: Hazel Steffen, Juanita Baustian and Mary Elliott. *Deep River Record 4-1-10*